


FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

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TO: DHWM, CDO File

FROM:  Randy Sheldon, DHWM, CDO

DATE: February 7, 2006

RE: HPM Plant 1 Site Visit - CRO/Waste Evaluation Progress Report
(OHD980569230)

On February 1, 2006, Lundy Adelsberger, Supervisor (DHWM, CDO), Duane Snyder, Supervisor and Phil Farnlacher (DSIWM, CDO), and I went to the former HPM Plant 1 facility located on Lincoln Avenue in Mt. Gilead, Ohio to review the progress made in regards to CRO and/or associated waste clean-up activities. Besides HPM, which is reportedly bankrupt, also involved with this facility are Taylor Industries (former operator) and Mid-Ohio Sanitation & Recycling (current property owner/operator).

Upon arriving at the facility, we spoke to Mr. Randy Chilcote of Mid-Ohio Sanitation & Recycling. He informed us that not much more had been accomplished at the facility regarding characterization, management, and/or disposal of the various wastes remaining at the site. He said Taylor Industries had not been cooperating at all regarding characterization/disposal of these wastes. He said Taylor Industries had attempted to get some of the equipment left behind in the building but had been denied access due to their lack of cooperation on other matters. Mr. Chilcote said scrap steel was being removed from the facility in conjunction with the general cleaning of the building. The monies from the sale of the scrap steel was going to be used to help conduct a phase II environmental assessment of the site in an attempt to gain "Clean Ohio" bond monies that would be used to clean the entire site for future re-development. He indicated it was anticipated it would be about 2 years to begin this project if the bond monies were successfully obtained.

After the discussion with Mr. Chilcote, we all went for a walk-through of the facility building and grounds. Although it was evident that some of the old equipment and trash had been removed, it was also very evident that the various unknown wastes remained at the facility. Besides the documented wastes previously found on the ground floor areas, additional wastes (i.e., containers of unknown liquid contents, boxes of mercury containing light bulbs, etc.) were also found on this day on the second and third floor areas. These additional floor areas and rooms were not reviewed on previous visits and were photographed on this day. Due to the overall attempt to clean the building area, some of the containers of wastes had been moved and/or consolidated to general areas. Vats, containers, tanks, and/or sumps throughout the facility were found to still contain unknown liquids. Old transformers and 2 adjacent concrete vaults were also noted and photographed along the southeastern end outside of the building.

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Due to the vast quantity of unknown possible hazardous wastes, hazardous substances, and/or simply general hazards remaining at this site, although the entire facility is surrounded by a high chain-link fence, the overall security of this facility is questionable at best.

Mid-Ohio Sanitation & Recycling is currently operating as a solid waste transfer station and/or recycling center at this facility.

Future actions to be taken by Ohio EPA are currently under discussion with DHWM and DSIWM staff.

Photographs

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